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THE CHAUTAUQUA

August 4 to 11 heralds for the city of Alma the annual Chautauqua program which has been so greatly enjoyed by so many people for the past few years. This year the program promises to surpass in general excellence the programs of former years and it is expected that an even greater number than formerly will avail themselves of the pleasure of attending the various entertainments.

It is not our purpose in this editorial to enumerate the varied numbers which will be given. That information may be readily obtained from a number of different sources. But it is our purpose to speak of the great value which a Chautauqua program, given annually, offers to a city and its people.

To begin with, a Chautauqua well attended brings into town many people from the surrounding country who will patronize the various business institutions of the city and leave a considerable amount of money behind them. But that is not the greatest benefit which is derived from this institution. The Chautauqua tent becomes the center of interest to all the citizens and for the week it furnishes a community center around which revolves the real life of the city. For the programs offered are varied enough to please all tastes, and people from all parts of the city, from all business pursuits, from all classes of society are bound to find something there during the course of the week which will not only afford them pleasure and relaxation, but which will tend to make them all better citizens with a greater degree of civic pride than they had before the Chautauqua commenced.

The year just passed has been a strenuous one in many ways for many people and we all need the relaxation, the pleasure, the relief from care which we are sure to find under the Chautauqua tent. Our children can enjoy the games and amusements provided during the morning hours by the Chautauqua management and be the better and the happier for it.

And better still, the Chautauqua guarantees the right kind of entertainment for all. Here we find clean fun, wholesome instruction, earnest discussion of problems of state and nation, and elevating and uplifting musical numbers which will not only afford enjoyment, but will also give to those who listen a little higher conception of the really good in music and in art.

And we all need just the sort of education and culture which we can obtain by attending the Chautauqua. We teach school, we do our daily tasks about the home, we are engrossed with business problems, we work in offices, and through it all we are in danger of forgetting at times that life holds for us anything else aside from the daily grind. We forget the pleasure and education and relaxation which may be obtained from books and music and social intercourse with our friends and neighbors. The Chautauqua is designed to aid us to remember these things and to teach us to make the most of them in our daily lives. Therefore the cultural inspiration which we should derive from attending as many as possible of these numbers cannot help but last us through the year to come.

Let's all attend the Chautauqua this year as we have done in past years, sacrificing if necessary some little thing, in order to give it our undivided support so that it may continue to be a yearly treat offered to the people of the community.

The hundred guarantors who are standing behind the movement this year will be out selling their tickets this week and they will undoubtedly be heartily greeted and liberally patronized by many people. We cannot afford to let the Chautauqua lapse for lack of patronage because times happen to be a trifle close with us just now.

OUR SHIP OF STATE

A good many of us have been worrying because our Ship of State has not sailed right out into a sea of gold and loaded up for us with treasures at the end of the rainbow. We expected that when we changed its captain and crew that was all that was necessary and that the good old boat would then just sail itself. But we have found that such has not been the case.

However, it is a good old ship and staunchly built by people who had high ideals and sound principles in that kind of boat-building, and we must remember that it has just passed through the greatest storm in its history. It has been sailed rather recklessly for the past eight years, without regard to cost of operation or repairs. It has been tossed about rudderless in a frightful sea, the sails have been torn to tatters, the compass lost, the hull left unpainted, and covered with barnacles. It has been grounded upon the shoals by reckless wheelmen and dashed against the jagged rocks of adversity. There was no money left in the strong box, and the larder was empty.

Banging up the good old boat in this manner was not done purposely. It was a matter of bad sailing in a heavy storm. Captain and crew sailed the ship as they did with the best of intentions, but the road to "Davy Jones Locker" is said to be paved with good intentions, and bad management results in disaster whether intentional or accidental.

It would be unreasonable for us to expect the good old ship to sail as well as ever until a lot of repairs have been made. Even the sea must be recharted because of changed conditions and a new compass must be obtained. In order that we do no more reckless sailing we must be sure that the ship is sound, that the sails are strong, that the hull is smooth, and the compass true. All this will take time and require both skill and patience.

There is a great deal to be done but there is no question but that the American people are equal to the task. When the call to arms came we arose to the occasion in a manner that astonished and electrified the world. Now that the demands of peace are upon us, we must meet the situation in the same way.

It is a time for every man to know and do his duty. Our ship of state is not wrecked, because it was built too well. It simply has been temporarily disabled by a great storm. It is therefore the duty of every American citizen to show his or her true Americanism at this time and to aid in making repairs that we may all join again in singing—

"Sail on, sail on, Oh Ship of State
Sail on, oh Union, strong and great,
Humanity with all its fears
With all its hope of future years
Is hanging breathless on thy fate."

Weather and
Crop Bulletin

WEATHER CONDITIONS

During the past week the weather has continued hot and dry with only light scattered showers and a high percentage of sunshine over the Lower Peninsula, while over the Upper Peninsula copious showers fell, except in the extreme southern portion where the showers were light.

GENERAL SUMMARY

Copious rains over the Upper Peninsula, except the extreme southern portion, improved all crops. Fruit prospects are good. Oats are beginning to head and clover is ready to cut. The condition of late potatoes is favorable.

Hot, dry weather with a high percentage of sunshine and light scattered showers, prevailed over the Lower Peninsula. Beans and sugar beets are doing well. Corn continues the remarkable growth noted in last week's bulletin except on light soils where it is beginning to roll. The crop of early potatoes which is now being dug is light and the tubers small because of the dry weather. Many of the late planted potatoes did not come up and others so poorly that they are being ploughed up and replanted. Barley and oats harvest is general; the yield of the latter is light and the straw very short. Wheat and rye threshing is general. Buckwheat is still being sown but the soil is still too dry for germination. The cherry crop of northern Michigan has been secured and averaged about a third of normal because of the May frosts. Blackberries and huckleberries will be a short crop on account of dry weather.

Law For The
Owners' Protection

The new certificate of title law is for the protection of the automobile owner against the registration of stolen motor vehicles and the prevention of theft.

The law requires that every owner of a motor vehicle shall have secured his or her certificate before July 1, 1922. Operation after said date without title means arrest and severe penalties are provided following conviction.

The application blank or certificate of title must show the owner's name printed or typewritten, his or her address and description of motor vehicle. An owner is required to sign his or her name in full.

Lien or unpaid balances, if any, and to whom due is very important. Applicant is required to state whether car was paid for by Cash, Trade, Gift, Conditional Note, Mortgage, Bill of Sale, Title Clause Note, Promissory Note, Contract or Otherwise.

Attention is called to the provision in the law which states specifically that the applicant must be known by the Notary Public signing the application, or must be properly identified by some other person.

The certificate of title which will be mailed by the Secretary of State to each owner after his application has been received and approved, will show the name and address of the owner, description of the car, etc. Space is provided on reverse side of this certificate for assignment of the car in case it is sold or traded.

It is required that special care be used by the applicant in giving the correct engine and serial numbers. If there is any doubt as to the correctness of the numbers the applicant is required to take his car to a reputable garage or dealer, and have a careful examination made for the car numbers. In case of a Ford do not confuse casting date of cylinder block with the motor number. A Ford motor number is found stamped on the left side of the cylinder block directly over the water intake.

Regarding mutilated numbers, every person having a car in possession upon which the engine number has been destroyed or defaced, is required to make application to the Secretary of State for a designated number.

Such number designated to the applicant should at once be placed on the engine of the car, and the work must then be inspected by some peace officer who will make certification that the number designated by the Secretary of State has been placed on the engine. Proper blanks will be furnished by this department upon request.

Sharrar & Watson have extra blanks, free for the asking, and will fill out if you desire.

NOTICE OF SALE OF STRAY
BEASTS

(Under Chap. 141, p. 2693, Michigan Compiled Laws, 1915).

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned who is a resident and freeholder of the township of Arcadia in the county of Gratiot, state of Michigan, did on the 23rd day of June, 1921, take up the stray animal described below, which he found going at large in such township beyond the range where such animals usually run at large. The owner or person entitled to possession of the same may have restitution thereof by paying the compensation fees, costs and expenses by the statute in such case made and provided.

Description: A yearling steer, red and white, strayed onto my premises. Dated June 20, 1921.

ABE ECKERT,
Alma, Mich.

Jackie Coogan in "Peck's Bad Boy"—Strand Sunday.—advertisement.

Bell's Hawaiian's—Strand Saturday and Sunday.—advertisement.

THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Rev. John A. Mulvey, Pastor.
Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m.

First Baptist Church
10:00 a. m.—Divine worship.
Rev. Roy Hamilton.
11:15 a. m.—Sunday School.
5:30 p. m.—Junior B. Y. P. U.
6:30 p. m.—Young People's service.
Union evening service at Presbyterian church.
Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.
You are invited to visit with us.

United Brethren Church

C. H. Hull, pastor
The tent revival closed with victory. The Lord was in the camp from the very first service. Rev. Durham, the evangelist, was at her best and surely preached the old-fashioned gospel in the old-fashioned way. She exposed every form of sin and handled it without gloves. Her white slavery address was truly an eye-opener. The tent was not large enough and seats had to be arranged around the outside, even then many people were standing. Who said the day of revivals was past?

Sunday afternoon Miss Bernice Snell, returned missionary from Africa, gave an interesting and very instructive address on the work of the gospel in West Africa.

Following the missionary address the congregation went to the river and twenty-three received the ordinance of baptism. During the meeting there were about seventy-five bowed at the mourner's bench, most of whom prayed through and went away with a real Christian experience. Nineteen united with the church and others will later. Truly it was a fruitful revival and we ascribe to God all the glory. Three united with the church at Jackson Street class Sunday morning.

There will be no services here on July 31 on account of the camp meeting near Carson City. You should plan to attend the camp meeting. Mrs. Durham is to be the evangelist. The College Quartette from Huntington, Ind., will furnish music. Come and hear them.

Services for July 24 as follows:
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning sermon at 11 a. m.
Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Jackson Street Church
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p. m.
Evening preaching.

St. John's Episcopal
Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
9 a. m.—Morning Prayer.
Sermon "Dr. Davis."
Church school after services.
August is the vacation month. The last Sunday in July there will be Holy Communion at the 9 o'clock service.

John H. Davis, Rector

St. Johns Evangelist Lutheran
Service at 2:30 p. m.
Sunday school at regular time 9 a. m.

Rev. Hoernicke, Pastor.
W. J. Kickbush, trustee.

Presbyterian Church
Corner of W. Superior St. and Prospect Ave. Rev. W. L. Gelston, minister.

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Morning worship.
Theme: "The Key to Prosperity."
6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p. m.—Union evening services to be held in this church. Rev. J. F. Williams of the Christian church will speak.

A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Eastminster Chapel
L. M. Krueger

Thursday, July 21—Mid-week service and Bible study class at 8 p. m.
Sunday, July 24—Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.; preaching 11:30 a. m. Subject, "The Power of Prayer." Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.; evening service 8 p. m. Theme, Weighed in the Balances."

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. George Lentz welcomed a baby girl at their home Friday. The little Miss will answer to the name of Phyllis.

Geo. Bauer passed away at his home Friday morning after a long illness of tuberculosis. Funeral was held from the chapel Monday with interment in Riverside cemetery. Besides his wife and mother he leaves two daughters and two sons to mourn his loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockafellow spent Thursday evening with her sister at Sumner.

Mrs. Florence Webb spent the week end with her nephew, Jo Webb, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Losey of Alma spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Isham and family of Pompeii spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham.

Mrs. Frush of Alma spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Munn.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Childs and daughter spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. F. M. Webb.

Miss Ida Huff of Clarion, Mich., is visiting in this vicinity.

Several from this neighborhood attended the funeral of Geo. Myers in Alma Sunday.

Jackie Coogan in "Peck's Bad Boy"—Strand Sunday.—advertisement.

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next week for prices that will mean a great saving to you.

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ON SUNDAY

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—in—

"Peck's Bad Boy"
and Toonerville Comedy

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